

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 31 of the specification beginning at page 7, line 9 with the following:

Without repeating all of the structural and functional details of the interconnection between the first actuator and the tension/compression members ~~102, 104~~62, 64, it will be appreciated that movement of the first actuator 30 in the proximal portion or handle of the catheter assembly results in deflection or curvature of the distal portion. That is, moving the first actuator places one of the members in tension and simultaneously places the other member in compression. In this manner, the distal portion of the catheter assembly is deflected, preferably into the lariat configuration. A smooth transition between the various positions of the catheter distal portion is achieved with this arrangement.